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What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing a supplier interface, comprising:
 - a) receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
 - b) aggregating the data in a database;
 - c) receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of supplier parameters;
 - d) extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier parameters in response to the request;
 - e) transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing the network; and
 - f) adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced based on the information.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of the required goods.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the stores include restaurants.
6. A system for providing a supplier interface, comprising:
 - a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;

- 4 b) logic for aggregating the data in a database;
- 5 c) logic for receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of
- 6 supplier parameters;
- 7 d) logic for extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier
- 8 parameters in response to the request;
- 9 e) logic for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing
- 10 the network; and
- 11 f) logic for adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced
- 12 based on the information.

1 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of
2 the required goods.

1 8. The system of claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 9. The system of claim 6, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-
2 based interface.

1 10. The system of claim 6, wherein the stores include restaurants.

1 11. A computer program product for providing a supplier interface, comprising:

- 2 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
- 3 utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
- 4 b) computer code for aggregating the data in a database;
- 5 c) computer code for receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a
- 6 plurality of supplier parameters;
- 7 d) computer code for extracting information from the database relevant to the
- 8 supplier parameters in response to the request;
- 9 e) computer code for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier
- 10 utilizing the network; and

11 f) computer code for adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are
12 produced based on the information.

1 12. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the parameters relate to a
2 forecasted amount of the required goods.

1 13. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the information is displayed
2 utilizing a network-based interface.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the stores include
2 restaurants.

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